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SUBJECT: UN CHARTER REVIEW

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1. WORKING GROUP MET MORNING OF MARCH 4 AND CONSIDERED PARAS 121-130 ON RATIONALIZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS. US QUERIED UTILITY AND REALITY OF PRESSING PRINCIPLE OF GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION AND RECALLED STATEMENTS OTHERS HAD MADE AS TO THE DOUBTFUL EFFICIENCY OF HOLDING MORE UN MEETINGS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE WORLD.

2. USSR PREFERRED HAVING GA PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN SELECTED BY REGIONAL GROUP CONSULTATIONS INSTEAD OF BY VOTING. JAPAN SAID GA DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES SHOULD BE IMPROVED. JAPANESE REP SAID THAT OFTEN MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING FOR RESOLUTION IN GA ARE AMONG MINORITY OF THOSE WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY RESOLUTION, AND THAT BETTER BALANCE SHOULD BE STRUCK BETWEEN GA AUTHORITY AND GA RESPONSIBILITY. HE CALLED FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONSENSUS PROCEDURES AND AN END TO THE WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY SUFFERED BECAUSE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATE-STARTING MEETINGS.

3. POLAND LAUNCHED ATTACK ON SECT PERSONNEL POLICIES, SAYING THAT POLICY OF HIRING STAFFERS ON PERMANENT RATHER THAN SHORT TERM CONTRACTS IMMOBILIZED THE SECT AND THAT NO ONE SHOULD TRY TO TURN UN SECT INTO MODEL CIVIL SERVICE WITH CRADLE-TO-GRAVE EMPLOYMENT. POLISH REP STATED

THAT EASTERN EUROPE REMAINS MOST UNDER-REPRESENTED REGION
IN SECT.

4. US EMPHASIZED FACT THAT ART 100 AND 101 RETAINED ALL
THEIR VALIDITY AND NEEDED ONLY TO BE HONORED. SAID CAREER
STAFF HAD TO BE THE BACKBONE OF THE SECRETARIAT SINCE THOSE
ON FIXED-TERM CONTRACTS AND THEIR GOVTS WERE BOUND TO BE
TEMPTED TO VIOLATE THE SPIRIT AND SOONER OR LATER THE
LETTER OF ART 100. SAID FIXED-TERM CONTRACTS MADE SENSE
FOR TECHNICAL EXPERTS WHOSE CONTRIBUTION WOULD NOT BE NEEDED
FOR LONGER THAN FIXED-TERM. SAID ART 101 EMPHASIS ON
"EFFICIENCY, COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY" ONLY BASIS FOR RECRUTI-
MENT IF INSTITUTION IS TO BE EXPECTED TO FULFILL ITS
FUNCTION.

5. ROMANIA ENDORSED-POLISH POSITION AND CITED SOME PRO-
POSALS FROM THE RESTRUCTURING COMITE CONCERNING THE UN
PERSONNEL SYSTEM. UK SUPPORTED LONG-TERM CONTRACTS BECAUSE
THEY ASSIST OFFICIALS IN IMPARTIALLY PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES
AND GIVE THEM THE EXPERIENCE TO WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY.

UK REP SAID SHORT-TERM APPOINTEES ARE ALWAYS LOOKING BACK
OVER THEIR SHOULDERS AND WORRYING ABOUT THE NEXT POSITION
IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY.

6. MOVING INTO FINANCIAL AREA, SOV DEL DECRIED INCREASING
UN BUDGET AND SAID THAT CRISIS COULD BE TRANCED TO SEVERAL
PROBLEMS: UNJUSTIFIED GROWTH IN NUMBER OF SECT PERSONNEL,
CONTINUATION OF OUTDATED PROGRAMS, PROLIFERATION OF EXISTING
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UN BODIES AND THE NUMBER OF THEIR MEETINGS,
THE CONSTANT GROWTH OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AND DEBT SERVICE
PAYMENTS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED AT BEHEST OF ONLY A FEW
MEMBERS IN SUCH PLACES AS THE CONGO AND THE MIDDLE EAST,
SOV ASSERTED THATUSSR DOES NOT BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR
DEBTS CAUSED BY THE ARBITRARY ACTIVITIES OF SMALL GROUP OF
STATES WHO ACTED IN OPPOSITION TO THE CHARTER AND THE SOVIET
UNION WOULD NOT PAY FOR COSTS OF ILLEGAL OPERATIONS FOISTED ON UN
BY WESTERN STATES.

7. US DEL OBJECTED TO CHARACTERIZATION OF ICJ DECISION AS BEING
ILLEGAL, CITING ICJ OPINION AND UNGA ACCEPTANCE OF OPINION.
HE ASKED IF UN MEMBERS DO NOT PAY UN DEBTS, THEN WHO ELSE
WOULD? MOREOVER, IF UN WOULD NOT PAY FOR DEBT SERVICING,
THEN WHO WOULD LOAN MONEY TO UN? HE SAID THAT UN MUST
RETAIN ITS FISCAL INTEGRITY IN ORDER TO FUNCTION AND WHOSE
WHO WERE INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING UN SHOULD INSIST ON
INTEGRITY BEING PRESERVED BY ART 17 BEING HONORED. US
RESERVED RIGHT TO SPEAK TO OTHER ASPECTS OF FINANCIAL ISSUES

AT SUBSEQUENT SESSION.

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